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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on 3/11/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

A NO<sub>x</sub> absorber having a support material where the support material is selected from the group of alumina, gamma-alumina, delta alumina, theta alumina, zeolite, zirconia, ceria, magnesium oxide, titania, silica, and mixtures thereof.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 2 and 12 are generic.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: A NO<sub>x</sub> absorber having a catalyst where the catalyst is selected from the group of platinum, rhodium, palladium, ruthenium, iridium, osmium, copper, nickel, cobalt, chromium, iron, manganese, rare earth metals, and alloys and mixtures thereof.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 3 and 13 are generic.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: A NO<sub>x</sub> absorber having a second material where the second material is

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selected from the group of sodium, potassium, cesium, rubidium, barium, magnesium, calcium, strontium, and alloys and mixtures thereof.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, either alkali metals or alkaline earth metals, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 4 and 14 are generic.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: A NO<sub>x</sub> absorber having a substrate where the substrate is selected from the group of cordierite, metal, silicon carbide, refractory oxide, NZP, mullite, and mixtures thereof.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 5 and 15 are generic.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony J Kuhar whose telephone number is 703-305-7095. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:45 am - 5:15 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stan Silverman can be reached on 703-308-3837. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

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